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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with Guy McConnell, Senate Appropriations  
Committee Staff, re FY 74 CIA Budget

1. In a meeting with Guy McConnell on other matters today the subject of the CIA budget came up. I placed a call to Charles Briggs, OPPB, to get a report on his meeting this morning with Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, on the same subject.

2. I told McConnell that it was Briggs' hope, on the basis of his discussion with Preston, that the House Committee would limit itself to a budget cut of approximately [redacted]

[redacted] This would leave a balance in the Agency Reserve for fiscal year 1974 of approximately [redacted] (after the deduction of all anticipated withdrawals) rather than [redacted] (These figures are exclusive of the pay raise.)

4. McConnell expressed no objection to any of this and indicated that he expected to talk further with Ralph Preston on the subject.

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Deputy Legislative Counsel

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